

LACDMH START THANKED FOR HELPING APPREHEND SUSPECT
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At a press conference on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department thanked the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) for assisting in an investigation that led to the arrest of a suspect who threatened students and faculty at Los Angeles Trade Technical College. The press conference was held at the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Boardroom in downtown Los Angeles.

During a two-month period, Trade Tech and the Los Angeles Community College District worked with the Sheriff's Department as well as the FBI and LACDMH School Threat Assessment Response Team (START) to identify and ultimately arrest a suspect in the case.



The suspect, a 19-year-old Trade Tech student, made a series of anonymous threats against the college. He is accused of posting threatening and offensive messages in bathroom stalls for almost two months during March and April of this year. Following his arrest, the District Attorney's office filed seven counts of criminal threats against him. He is now in custody.

LACDMH's hard work in the case did not go unnoticed. The Sheriff's Department recognized START and its team members for its collaborative efforts during the investigation.

